

REMARKS

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action.

In response to the withdrawal of Claim 56 as being directed to a non-elected invention, Applicants are canceling Claim 56 without prejudice to filing a divisional application on this claim.

Applicants are also listing Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 16-46 and 50-55 as "canceled".

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 3, 9, 15 and 47-49.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are submitting an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action on this application.

Applicants also request that the Examiner consider and initial the corrected 1449 forms filed herewith and on September 13, 2006

Conclusion

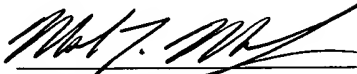
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is necessary for this submission or amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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